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City of Dallas Police Take Part in Annual 'Shop with a Cop'

DALLAS, Oregon

The City of Dallas Police Staff participated in the local 'Shop with a Cop' event on Saturday December 10th, 2022. Polk County Sheriff, Mark Garton, hosted the event for Polk County children in need at the Dallas Walmart.

Law enforcement from Dallas, Monmouth, Independence and Polk County gathered to spread Christmas cheer and give children the opportunity to Shop with a Cop and develop a positive relationship with law enforcement. The group of children were invited to participate by the Falls City School District and shop for their family members. Each child was given \$50 to shop. Once at Walmart, around 50 children were paired with a cop and had the opportunity to choose gifts and toys within the store.

After shopping with a cop, children and law enforcement gathered at the Academy building for a gift wrapping party, treats and a picture with Santa.

Detective Sergeant, Joshua Calef, spoke about the event saying, "My favorite thing is to interact with kids in a positive and uplifting way because a lot of times we don't get the opportunity. I think it's also important to show that we're just ordinary people like everyone else."

The City of Dallas would like to thank the Dallas Walmart and their staff as well as everyone who volunteered their time to make the holidays magical for the children in our community.

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